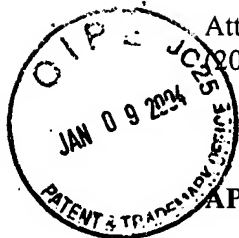


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
[] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
[X] No additional fee is required.

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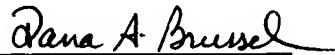
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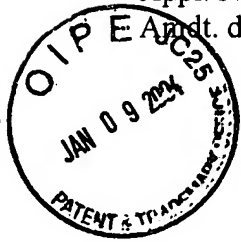


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.


Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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